

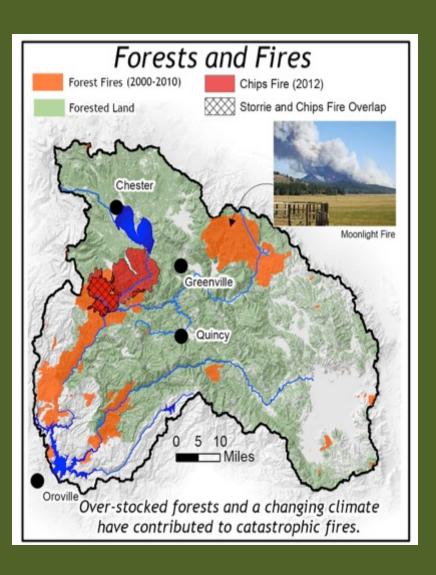
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Value of Increasing Biomass Utilization



- Reduce fire risk
- Improve forest health
- Improve air quality and reduce black carbon emissions
- Stabilize heating costs
- Create local jobs
- Reduce fossil fuel use
- Utilize abundant, local resource



Forest Biomass Material Available from Public and Private Land in the Feather River Watershed Area.

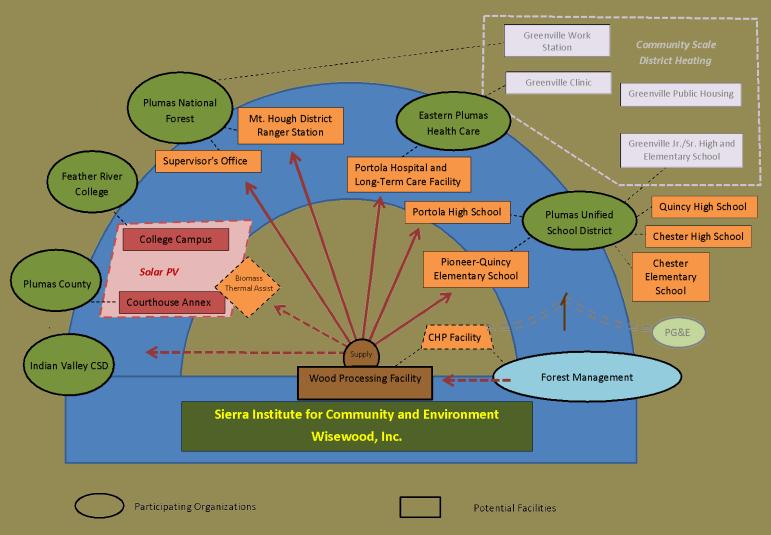
	Bone Dry Tons Year		
Biomass Material Source	Low Range	High Range	
Timber Harvest Residuals	81,120	109,750	
Fuels Treatment/Restoration/Timber Stand Improvement Activities	51,250	96,250	
Fuels Treatment Activities - Fire Safe Council and similar	550	1,150	
Total	132,920	207,150	

TSS Consultants, 2012, Prepared for the Sierra Institute



The 2012- 20,000 foot plan

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Stakeholder Outreach

Plumas County:

- Plumas Unified School District
- Fire Safe Council
- County Officials
- Hospital Administrators
- Feather River College
- Portola City Council
- Plumas National Forest
- Forestry Professionals

Regional:

- US Forest Service
- State Agencies
- UC Berkeley
- State Wood Energy Team
- Biomass Working Group
- Other Communities

Objectives:

- Identify critical public facilities/issues
- Develop an effective Advisory Body

ADVISORY BODY

Danielle Banchio, Registered Professional Forester

Nick Boyd, Feather River College Director of Facilities

David Keller, Plumas County Community Development

Commission

<u>Charles Plopper</u>, Professor Emeritus, UC Davis

Dony Sawchuk, Plumas County Director of Facility

Services

John Sheehan, former Executive Director of Plumas

Corporation who conducted biomass studies

Lori Simpson, Plumas County Supervisor District Four

Elaine Vercruysse, Logging Systems Planner with the

Plumas National Forest

Randy Wilson, Plumas County Planning Director



Critical Facilities Identification and Assessment

\$125.00

2,330 bdt

200 - 300

83%

Biomass Thermal		rent Heating	F. 1 F	Gallons Used	Biomass Used		
Opportunities	Cos	ts (annually)	Fuel Type	(annually)	(annually)	Savings (annually)	
Portola District Heating Facility							
Eastern Plumas Heath Care	\$	147,500.00	diesel fuel	37,000	400 bdt	\$25,075.00	
Portola High School	\$	79,500.00	heating oil	22,640	210 bdt	\$13,515.00	
Portola City Hall	\$	4,700.00	propane	2,582	15 bdt	\$799.00	
Portola Library	\$	5,500.00	propane	2,750	15 bdt	\$935.00	
Portola USPS Building	\$	4,000.00	propane	2,300	15 bdt	\$680.00	
County HHS/FRC	\$	135,000.00	electric/Prop.	17,000	800 bdt	\$45,000.00	
USFS Supervisors Office	\$	37,000.00	prop/fuel oil	11,500/3,260	100 bdt	\$24,500.00	
USFS Mt. Hough RD	\$	35,000.00	propane	14,340	115 bdt	\$20,625.00	
Greenville K-12 School	\$	112,500.00	diesel fuel	30,646	275 bdt	\$19,125.00	
Chester Heating Facility							
Wildwood Assted. Living Facility	\$	60,000.00	propane	26,000	175 bdt	\$38,125.00	
Seneca Hospital	\$	80,000.00	diesel Fuel	21,000	210 bdt	\$53,750.00	
Green Tons/Acre	-	10 to 15					
Bone Dry Tons/Acre		8 to 12					
Avg. price of chips (raw mtrl).		\$60.00	Increased biomass utilization in Plumas County will have the following annual results:				

\$197,129 **County wide savings** Fossil fuel gallons offset 170,018 **Homes** powered 3,000 27,000 Tons of biomass used 2,250 - 3,500 Acres treated

3 MW CHP

Acres treated

Price of heat

Thermal Network

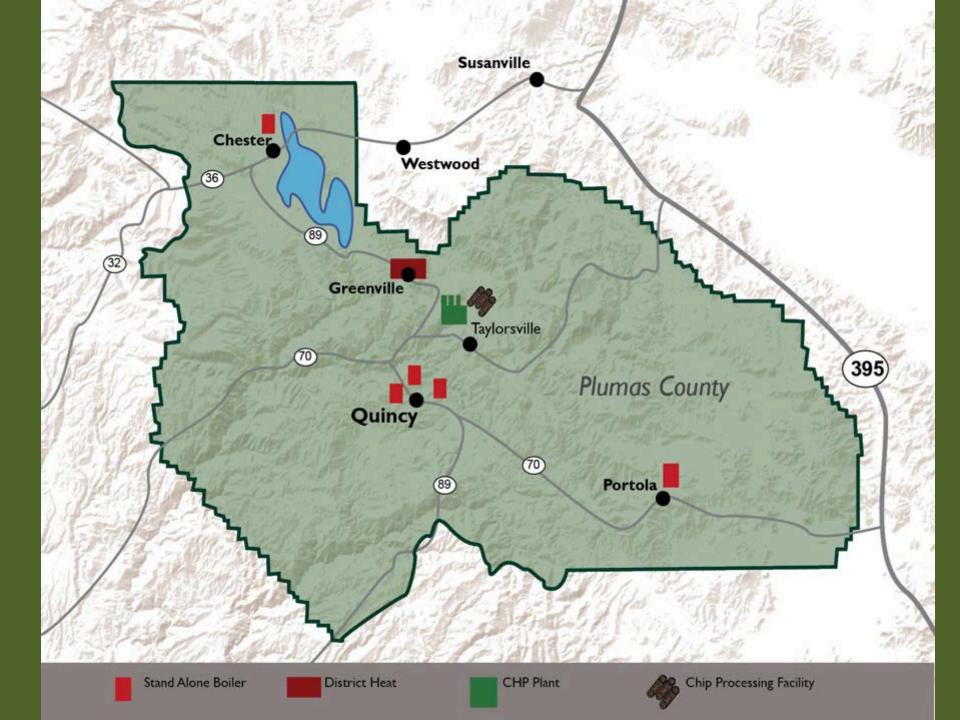
Total biomass needed

Retail chips/bdt (thermal)

Total biomass needed 25,000 bdt 2,100 - 3,200 Acres treated

KEY

bdt: bone dry ton CHP combined heat and power



Greenville Community Energy Facility





Crescent Mills Site

Physical Attributes:

- Former LP mill
- Zoned heavy industrial
- Access off HW 89
- Water and power on site
- PG&E Substation

Due Diligence:

- Community/County support
- Phase I & II Environmental Assessment
- Tanks removed
- Contaminated soil removed
- One year well monitoring
- Contract with landowner

Centrally located





Regulatory, Policy, and Institutional Innovation

Tasks:

- Engage Relevant Agencies and Institutions
- Prepare Successful Permitting Pathways



- CEC
- CPUC
- Governors Office
- US Forest Service
- State Wood Energy Team
- Biomass Working Group
- Sierra Nevada Conservancy
- Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development
- Northern Sierra Air Quality
 Management District
- US EPA/Ecology & Environment
- Plumas County Planning Dept.
- Community Service Districts



From Planning to Implementation

- Design and engineering at various facilities
- Work with OSHPD
- Proposal for boiler at Health and Human Service Building/Feather River College
- Proposal for preliminary engineering for old court house
- Proposal for Boiler at Easter Plumas Health Care
- Secure Processing Site
- Launch Construction of Chip Processing facility
- Assist other partners
- Secure funding
- Boilers online at PC HHS and FRC and others in process

Underway; Eastern Plumas Hospital Prelim. Eng. Complete

Fall 2014/continuing

Funded! June 2015, Project launch Summer 2015

Funded! July 2015 (CEC)

Fall 2015 (Rural Development, Economic Development Adm.)

September 2015

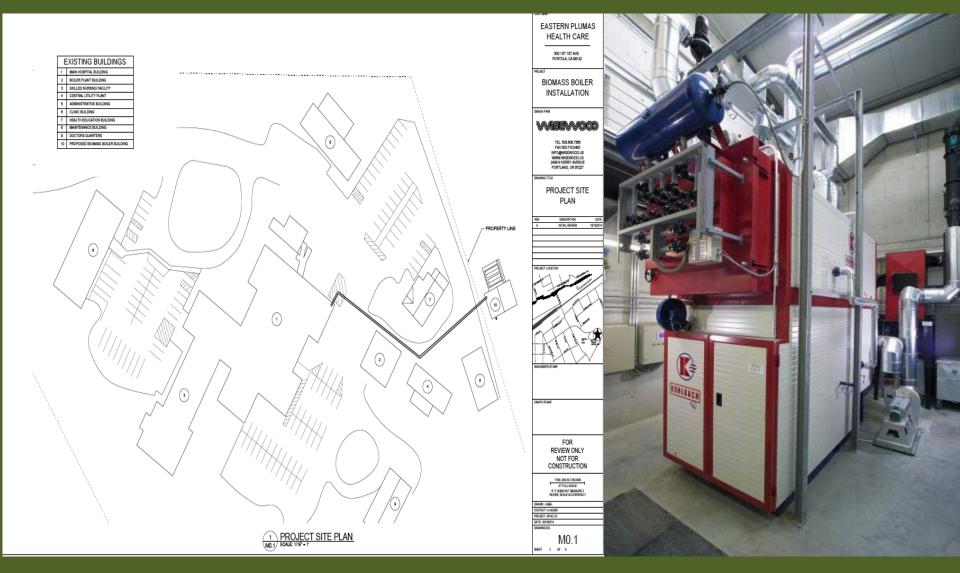
October 2015

Ongoing

Fall 2016



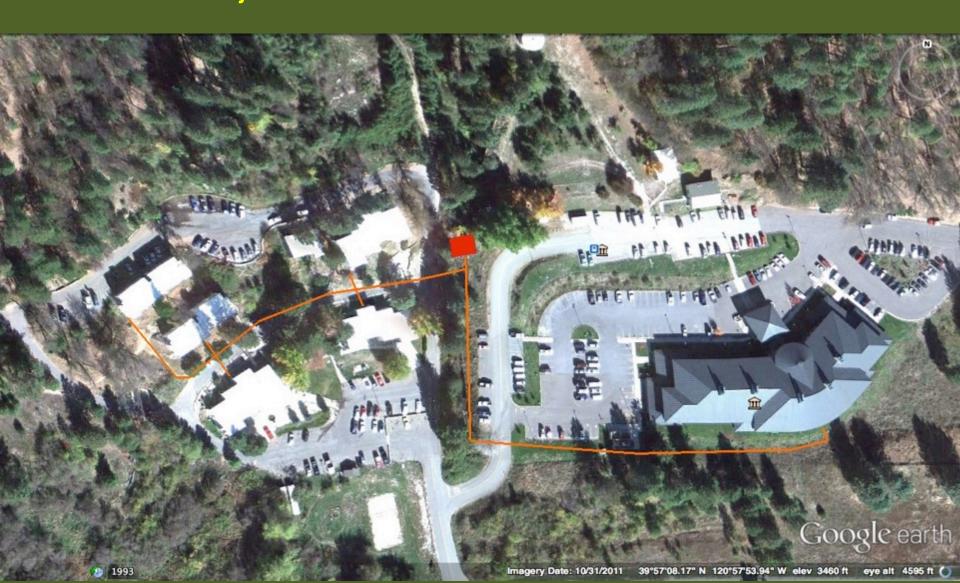
Eastern Plumas Health Care





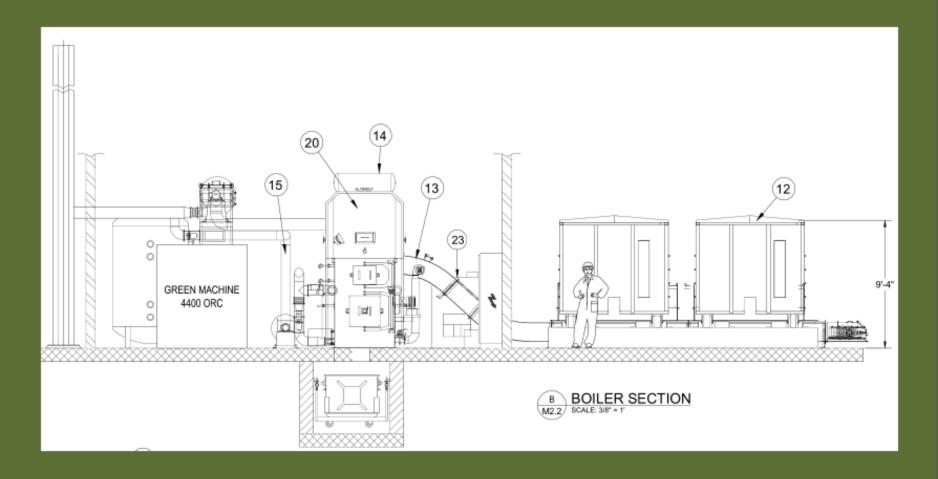
CHP Boiler in Quincy, CA

Project funded under CEC PON-14-307



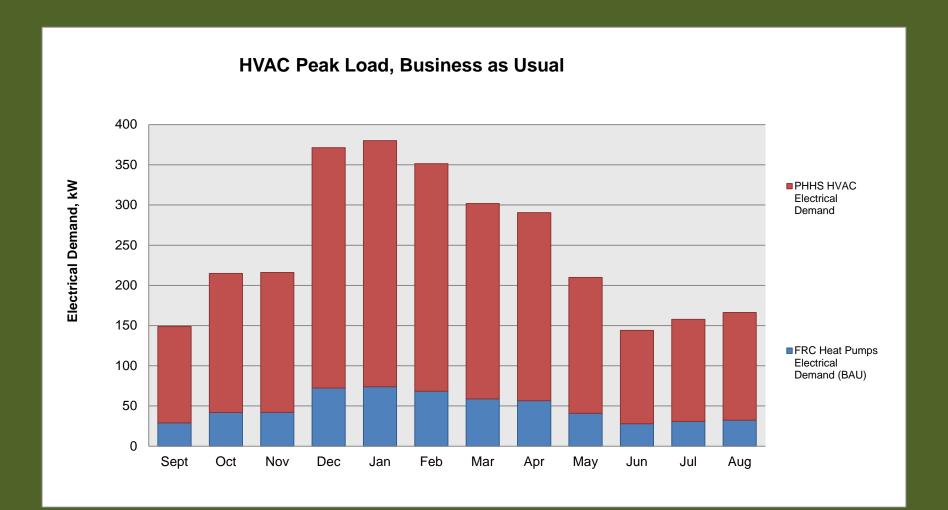


Biomass Boiler System



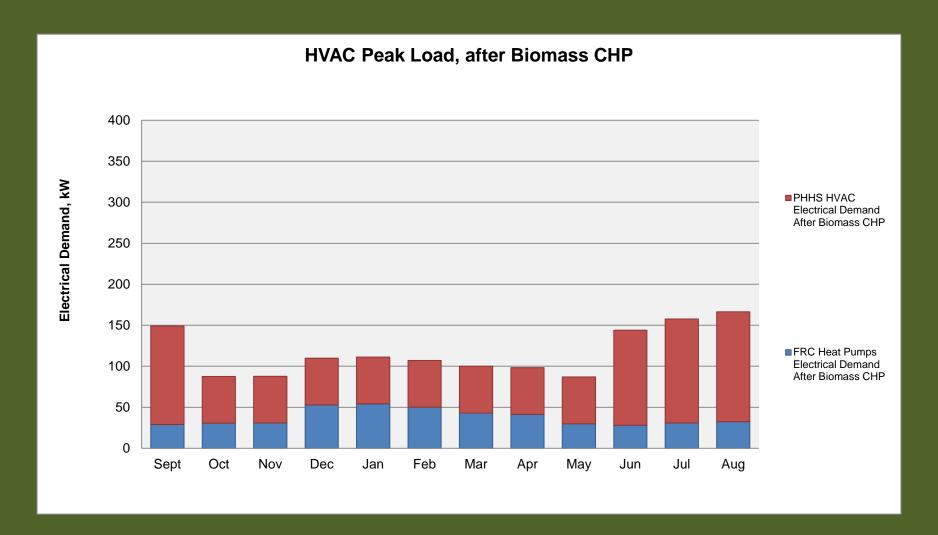


Electrical Demand Reduction



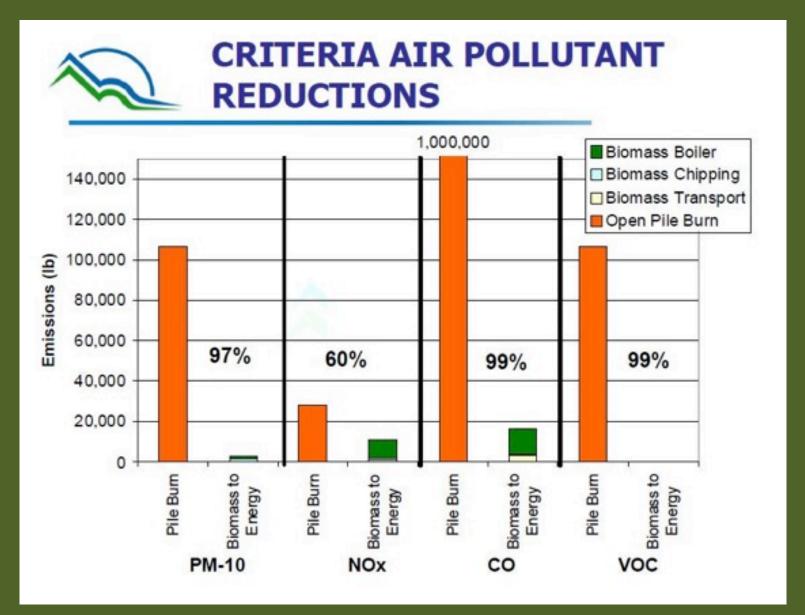


Electrical Demand Reduction





Air Quality





Moving Projects forward...

Opportunities

- Community support
- CEC and USFS support
- EPIC funds
- USDA RUS funds
- USDA RCDI funds
- Technology is proving itself
- Catastrophic wildfire: Rim, King, Lake County, Calaveras
- Drought
- State and federal policy
- Local events
- Time

Challenges

- Time
- Support ≠ buy in
- Capital costs
- Past failure
- Distrust of unknown
- Questions about fuel supply
- Scale of project
- SB1122 specifics are unknown to locals/ambiguous
- PG&E has disproportionate amount of power
- Lack of state or federal incentives



Advancing Replicability Through Dissemination

- Working with other communities (USDA RCDI grant)
- State Wood Energy Team
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Rural Community Development Initiative Project Partners

Building Capacity in Rural Communities:

Economic Development, Renewable Energy, and Resilient Forests







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